

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Tetsuya NAKAYAMA et al.**

Art Unit: **3624**

Application No.: **10/577,530**

Examiner: **Romain Jeanty**

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For: **WORKING MACHINE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

Attorney Docket Number: **062394**

Customer Number: **38834**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

July 2, 2009

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated June 10, 2009, and having a response due date set for July 10, 2009.

In the Office Action, Applicants are required to elect one of the following groups of claims for prosecution in this application:

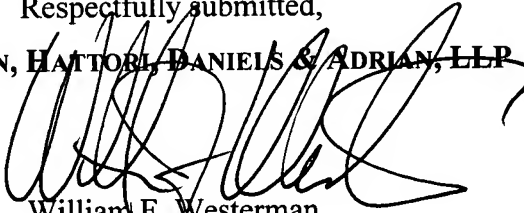
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| Group I | Claims 1-4, drawn to a management system for managing usage states of a working machine by a plurality of users, classified in class 705, subclass 7; or |
| Group II | Claims 5-7, drawn to a management system for managing usage states of a working machine by a plurality of users, classified in class 705, subclass 28. |

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group I, Claims 1-4. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the Applicants' rights to the filing of a Divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 35 U.S.C. §121 are retained.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. If any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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